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ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2160

Introduced by Assembly Member Ting

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(Coauthors: Assembly Members Ammiano, Brown, Campos,

Chávez, Gonzalez, and Maienschein)

(Coauthors: Senators *Cannella*, Evans, and Padilla)

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An act to amend Section 69432.9 of the Education Code, relating to postsecondary education.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2160, as amended, Ting. Cal Grant Program: grade point average.

The Cal Grant Program establishes the Cal Grant A and B Entitlement Awards, the California Community College Transfer Cal Grant Entitlement Awards, the Competitive Cal Grant A and B Awards, the Cal Grant C Awards, and the Cal Grant T Awards under the administration of the Student Aid Commission, and establishes eligibility requirements for awards under these programs for participating students attending qualifying institutions.

A provision of the program specifies that the commission shall require that a grade point average be submitted, as specified, to the commission for Cal Grant A and B applicants, except for those applicants permitted to provide test scores in lieu of a grade point average.

This bill would require that this grade point average be submitted electronically for all high school seniors at public schools *each academic*

year, all high school graduates at public schools from the prior academic year; and all other Cal Grant A and B applicants, except those permitted to provide test scores in lieu of a grade point average, and provide that grade point averages submitted shall be subject to review by the commission or its designee. To the extent that this provision would impose new duties on local educational agencies and community college districts, it would constitute a state-mandated local program.

The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that, if the Commission on State Mandates determines that the bill contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement for those costs shall be made pursuant to these statutory provisions.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: yes.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 69432.9 of the Education Code is
2 amended to read:
3 69432.9. (a) A Cal Grant applicant shall submit a complete
4 official financial aid application pursuant to Section 69433 and
5 applicable regulations adopted by the commission.
6 (b) Financial need shall be determined to establish an applicant's
7 initial eligibility for a Cal Grant award and a renewing recipient's
8 continued eligibility using the federal financial need methodology
9 pursuant to subdivision (a) of Section 69506 and applicable
10 regulations adopted by the commission, and as established by Title
11 IV of the federal Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (20
12 U.S.C. Secs. 1070 et seq.).
13 (1) "Expected family contribution," with respect to an applicant
14 or renewing recipient shall be determined using the federal
15 methodology pursuant to subdivision (a) of Section 69506 (as
16 established by Title IV of the federal Higher Education Act of
17 1965, as amended (20 U.S.C. Secs. 1070 et seq.)) and applicable
18 rules and regulations adopted by the commission.
19 (2) "Financial need" means the difference between the student's
20 cost of attendance as determined by the commission and the
21 expected family contribution. The calculation of financial need

1 shall be consistent with Title IV of the federal Higher Education
2 Act of 1965, as amended (20 U.S.C. Secs. 1070 et seq.).

3 (3) (A) The minimum financial need required for receipt of an
4 initial and renewal Cal Grant A or ~~Cal Grant C~~ award shall be no
5 less than the maximum annual award value for the applicable
6 institution, plus an additional one thousand five hundred dollars
7 (\$1,500) of financial need.

8 (B) The minimum financial need required for receipt of an initial
9 and renewal Cal Grant B award shall be no less than seven hundred
10 dollars (\$700).

11 (c) The commission shall require that a grade point average be
12 submitted for all high school seniors at public schools *each*
13 *academic year; all high school graduates at public schools from*
14 *the prior academic year; and all other Cal Grant A and B*
15 *applicants, except those permitted to provide test scores in lieu of*
16 *a grade point average.* The commission shall require that each
17 report of a grade point average be submitted electronically by a
18 school or school district official, with a certification, under penalty
19 of perjury, that the grade point average reported is accurately
20 reported. A submitted grade point average shall be subject to
21 review by the commission or its designee. The commission shall
22 adopt regulations that establish a grace period for receipt of the
23 grade point average and any appropriate corrections, and that set
24 forth the circumstances under which a student may submit a
25 specified test score designated by the commission, by regulation,
26 in lieu of submitting a qualifying grade point average. It is the
27 intent of the Legislature that high schools and institutions of higher
28 education electronically submit the grade point averages of their
29 students in time to meet the application deadlines imposed by this
30 chapter.

31 *SEC. 2. If the Commission on State Mandates determines that*
32 *this act contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement to*
33 *local agencies and school districts for those costs shall be made*
34 *pursuant to Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division*
35 *4 of Title 2 of the Government Code.*